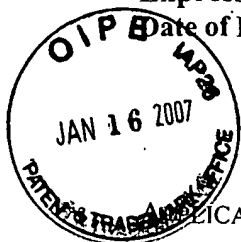


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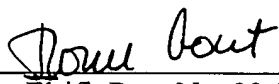
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the August 14, 2006 Non-Final Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Response is due on or before January 16, 2007 (January 14 being a Sunday and January 15 a designated Federal holiday). A check in the amount of \$450.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), for a large entity, is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference Number: 21465-501 CIP DIV, Customer No. 35437. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 16, 2007


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